Breaking ground for Shawnee Park Basin Project

MSD broke ground on the $60 million Shawnee Park Basin Project on December 6, 2016. This project is key to reducing sewer overflows into the Ohio River. At the same time, MSD is committed to preserving the historic nature of Shawnee Park. The basin—which will be largely invisible to the public when completed—will be constructed under a portion of the Great Lawn in Shawnee Park.

The project is a collective effort between MSD, Louisville Metro Parks, The Olmsted Parks Conservancy, community leaders, and local residents that will also feature new park amenities including an open-air pavilion, enhanced green space, premium landscaping, a new paved parking area for the spray pad, a resurfaced loop road, renovation of the lily pond, and restoration of the Ball House and athletic courts.

Basins, like this one, and the Ohio River Tunnel that will run underneath downtown, by 2020, will capture and treat 98 percent of the combined sewer overflow volume for a typical year of rain.

The Project will create 130 local job opportunities, including positions for carpenters, ironworkers, electricians, masons, pipefitters, heavy equipment operators and more. For more information and project updates, please visit ShawneeParkBasinProject.org.
Reclaiming flood-prone land

MSD partnered with the Salt River Watershed Watch to restore a riparian stream buffer on MSD-owned property on Bartley Drive. The planting of native trees, shrubs, and grasses will create a forested stream buffer over time that will improve stream health by providing shade and habitat along Cedar Creek.

The flood-prone property was purchased through a FEMA grant that stipulates the land cannot be developed. More than 200 trees, shrubs, and grasses were planted to restore the property and return the land to a natural, forested state.

The volunteer tree plantings took place on Saturday, December 10, 2016. MSD’s Wes Sydnor and Erin Wagoner participated with volunteers from the Salt River Watershed Watch and students from duPont Manual High School.

MSD Milestones

Welcome to MSD
Geary Lasley, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor
Troy Wethington, Utility Trainee

Congratulations on your promotion/reclassification
CORRECTION—Andrej Ajanovic, Staff Attorney
David Glenn, Field Specialist
Whitne McFadden, Utility Worker III
Robert Morris, Master Maintenance Mechanic

Welcome to a new role
Chris Hendrix, Sanitary Department
Sonja Smith, Supplier Diversity Compliance Inspector

Happy service anniversary
10 years  Stephen Miles
         Lonnie Gaines
         Keith Gallai
      James Vaughan
      Sheila Edwards
      Jason Walls

5 years  Lynne Fleming
        Mary Landgrave

Congratulations on your retirement
Tom Madden
Barbara Mendelsberg—has decided to delay her retirement. We are glad you are staying!

MSD is available 24/7 at 502.587.0603
Report a sanitary sewer backup before contacting a plumber. Determining if the problem is located on the public side of the system will help to avoid unnecessary plumber expense.

Making a difference in the health of our streams

Working together, all of us can help achieve safe, clean waterways. Delaying the use of your washer and dishwasher during periods of heavy rain can help. The extra water these machines use can overload the sanitary sewers and cause them to overflow. If possible delay that load of laundry or dishes to give the sewer system time to catch up.

Visit msdprojectwin.org for more information concerning ways that you can be part of the solution for decreasing and eliminating sewer overflows.
Customer Compliments

I had a backup in my yard. Pat Beasley, Derrick Eddins and Greg Thornton went beyond their call of duty. They were very informative and professional.
— Marysue Kastin

I want to thank Vernon Johnson, Maurice Nichols, Shari Payne and Ronald Smith for clearing the roots from my sewer line. They were very professional, answered all of my questions and installed a new pipe access. It was clear they knew their stuff, worked as a team and did their job quickly. Many thanks and well done.
— Michael Burch

Jay Kustes, James Rutledge and Bill Sanders performed a great job on the sewer pipe removal and replacement and the replacement of the deteriorating driveways at my home and my neighbor’s home. They were productive, efficient and courteous. They seemed to love their work and explained to me what they were doing with competence and enthusiasm. We appreciate their professionalism and hard work to improve our neighborhood.
— Shere Jones

Plan your rain garden now
Rain gardens help infiltrate rainwater before it reaches the drainage system, and reduce the amount of stormwater and pollutants running into storm drains, combined sewers or streams.

For your FREE Rain Garden Guide, contact MSD Customer Relations at 502.587.0603, or online at CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org.

Resolving drainage issues for our community

Drainage initiatives have been approved for these areas:

- Belmar Drive
- Largo Court
- Sherry Lynn Court
- Tycoon Way
- Valletta/Denham roads
- Walnut Hills Drive

Project DRI (Drainage Response Initiative) invests in neighborhood drainage improvements throughout Louisville Metro. The dedicated capital funding and crew work conducted annually under this program have enhanced Louisville Metro’s drainage system and decreased localized flooding and standing water for our customers.

Disconnecting downspouts from the sewer system

Water from falling rain and melting snow usually absorbs into the ground or flows into nearby creeks and streams through natural drainage paths and specialized stormwater systems. However, serious problems can occur when stormwater drains directly into the system intended for wastewater from dishwashers, sinks, showers, toilets and tubs.

How MSD Can Help
To minimize the amount of rainwater entering your community’s wastewater system, MSD offers several free programs to help you modify and correct improperly installed drainage connections. One of our most popular programs is the Downspout Disconnection Program. Through this program, you can receive a one-time incentive of $100 for each downspout disconnected from the wastewater system on your property.

For details about the Program, please contact MSD Customer Relations. Phone: 502.587.0603 Email: CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org
Help keep street drains flowing

Catch basins and street gutter drains cannot function properly when their grates are clogged with leaves, ice and snow. Please clear away debris from catch basin grates.

If a basin still does not drain, contact MSD Customer Relations—at 502-587-0603—we will send someone to help.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2
MSD Offices closed
For emergency service anytime, phone MSD’s Customer Relations at 502.587.0603

JANUARY 3
Clifton Heights Force Main Project Meeting
6:30 pm, American Printing House for the Blind 1839 Frankfort Avenue

JANUARY 10
MSD Audit Committee Meeting
4 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

JANUARY 16
MSD Offices closed
For emergency service anytime, phone MSD’s Customer Relations at 502.587.0603

JANUARY 19
Can You Dig It? Contractor Outreach Forum
10 am - Noon, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage 1701 W Muhammad Ali Boulevard

JANUARY 23
MSD Board Meeting
1 pm, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street